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Group Art Unit: 2814

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TIMING SIGNAL BUFFERING WITHIN A COMMON AREA

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	= 0	X \$80	\$ 0
[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$270	\$ 0
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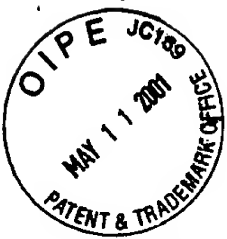
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The following is a list of documents enclosed:

Return Postcard  
Transmittal Letter for Response/Amendment  
Response to Non-Final Office Action  
Red-Marked Drawing (FIG. 2)  
Transmittal of Formal Drawing Prior to Notice of Allowance  
Formal Drawing (FIG.2)

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**TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWING(S) PRIOR TO NOTICE OF  
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Attached please find the formal drawings for this application (One (1) Page)

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Continuation of 20. Other: admitted applicants' prior art Fig. 1 and 2.